



# THE CUTTING EDGE

## Ozarks Mountain Woodcarvers

<http://www.ozarkmtnwoodcarvers.com/>

OFFICERS		MONTHLY METINGS	MEMBERSHIP DUES
President	Gerry Gerhart	We meet the first Thursday evening of the month at 7pm at the Senior Center in Kimberling City, MO.	Membership dues are \$15 for an individual and \$18 for a family. <b>Dues are due in August.</b>
Vice President	Stew Blain		
Secretary	Susan Spoley	<i>(If Reeds Spring schools close due to weather, we do not have meetings.)</i>	Send dues to Sue Spoley 940 Alyeska Point Rd. Lampe, MO 65681
Treasurer	Stew Blain		
Class Coordinator	Open		
Librarian	Bob Ryder		
Membership	OPEN		

## MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

### August 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President Gerry Gerhart. There were only 6 members in attendance – I guess everyone was home watching the debates. The secretary’s report was read and approved. Stew reported that we had \$1432.05 in our bank account – this does not include dues that came in at the meeting. Please **read the rest** of the newsletter to get the details of what was discussed during the meeting – I am not repeating the information here.

#### OLD & NEW BUSINESS:

Dues	It’s that time of year again – Dues are due in August.
Nominations for President	We are looking for nominations for President!
Bart Griffith Award	It is once again time to select a member to receive the Bart Griffith award. Please call or email your nominations to either Gerry Gerhart or Sue Spoley. The award will be presented at the December meeting.
Empire Fare	<p>Eight (8) members represented the club at the fair this year. A lot of our new members went and they all had a great time. The quality of the carvings submitted was great, but the number of carvings entered was down. Stew was the only member from our club that entered anything – and he won a 1<sup>st</sup> on his oak burl bowl and a 2<sup>nd</sup> on his spalded ash scoop. CONGRATULATIONS!</p> <p>Stew mentioned that it was really difficult to enter this year. You had to do it through the website and you had to jump through hoops to do it. He had to call and have someone help him through it – probably why there were less entries this year. Let’s hope they make it easier next year.</p>

**Shell Knob Update – Senior Center is Open**

The Shell Knob carve-ins will begin meeting at the Central Crossing Senior Center on Thursday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>. Carving time is 9:00am – 3:00pm. Lunch is served from 11:15 to 12:30.

Please see the club website for more information and a map to the center – [www.ozarkmountainwoodcarvers.com/shell-knob.html](http://www.ozarkmountainwoodcarvers.com/shell-knob.html)

The Kimberling City crew plans to set up a date to car pool over to Shell Knob to see the facility and join our club members at their location – when the date is set we will let you know!

You are more than welcome to

**Shakin in the Shell**

**Sept 19** – Just a reminder that we will have 2 tables – please plan to attend. We will discuss final arrangements at the Sept meeting.

**Website**

The new carving information for Shell Knob is on the website. There was some discussion about adding a calendar of club events to the Website. We will check with Dave to see what can be done.

PS: Please send Dave pictures of your carvings to be added to the website.

**Club Wood Burner**

More members are taking an interest in wood burning – either on it’s own or to enhance their carvings. The club currently has several sets of beginner tools and a sharpening system. We are looking for a wood burner to keep at the Senior Center for members to use to see how they like it before buying one. It would also be used to enhance wood carvings as needed. Barb has been bringing hers in for members to use, but she isn’t always at the Tuesday sessions and it would be better if we had one that stayed at the center for people to use.

If anyone has a wood burner they are no longer using and would be willing to donate it to the club please let Gerry, Stew or I know.

**Meeting Notification**

Sue agreed to send out an email the Monday before our monthly meetings to remind members that there is a meeting coming up. It will only go to members with email – those without email will not be called – so mark your calendars now!

**Snack Schedule**

If you missed the meeting you will have to wait till next year to volunteer to bring snacks to our business meeting. Here is the current volunteer schedule:

- Aug – Mike Nowicki
- Sep – Bob Loewe
- Oct – Denny Villwok
- Nov – Gerry Gerhart
- Dec – Xmas Party

**Upcoming Carving Events**

March 14 – 18, 2016: Ozarks Woodcarving Seminar – 2340 W. Grand, Springfield, MO. Contact John Engler (417 209-6842) or Loren Woodard (573 480-2003) for a flyer or check their website for more information [www.ozarkscarvingseminar.com](http://www.ozarkscarvingseminar.com).

Check the website for more upcoming events.

## August Birthdays



### Happy Birthday to:

Sharon Albert	Aug 3
Judy Fouser	Aug 9
Jerry Ayer	Aug 13
Bill Palmer	Aug 28

## Show & Tell

Jerry Schmitt – 2 wood burned gourds, this is Jerry's first attempt at wood burning. Sue Spoley – finally finished her walnut plaque (it's about time). Jerry won the \$5.



**Jerry Schmitt**



**Sue Spoley**



**Gourd Detail**